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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

NORTH BAY GENERAL HOSPITAL \$ CASE NO. O8-20368-H4-11 Debtor \$

UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019 REGARDING ADVERSARY NOS. 08-3422 AND 08-3489

TO: HONORABLE JEFF BOHM UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

COMES NOW, CHARLES F. McVAY, UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS ("UST") through the undersigned in furtherance of his administrative duties and files a limited objection to North Bay General Hospital's ("Debtor") Motion To Compromise Controversy ("Motion") with multiple parties in adversary numbers 08-3422 and 08-3489, and would state as follows:

- 1. Charles F. McVay is the United States Trustee for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas.
- 2. The UST is an officer of the United States Department of Justice. 28 U.S.C. §581. His duties are set forth in 28 U.S.C. §586, 11 U.S.C. §307, and throughout the Bankruptcy Code. 11

U.S.C. §101 et. seq.

- 3. The United States Trustee Program seeks to promote the efficiency and protect the integrity of the bankruptcy system. The specific responsibilities of the UST include, but are not limited to, appointing and supervising private trustees, taking legal action to enforce the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and to prevent fraud and abuse; referring matters for investigation and criminal prosecution when appropriate, ensuring that bankruptcy estates are administered promptly and efficiently, and that professional fees are reasonable; appointing and convening creditors' committees in Chapter 11 business reorganization cases; reviewing disclosure statements and applications for the retention of professionals; and advocating matters relating to the Bankruptcy Code and rules of procedure in court. 28 U.S.C. §586.
- 4. In furtherance of these responsibilities, the UST reviews motions to compromise controversy to ensure that they properly disclose to creditors the terms and conditions on which they have been made and also that they do not explicitly or implicitly restrict the ability of the UST to carry out its responsibilities.
- 5. Although the UST was not a party to the litigation or the proposed at issue, the UST may raise, appear and be heard on any issue in any bankruptcy case or proceeding. 11 U.S.C. §307. Therefore, the UST has standing to object and does object to the entry of any order entered approving the compromise between the parties unless the terms and conditions of the compromise are fully disclosed and unless it is clear that the confidentiality and sanction provisions contained in the compromise are not applicable to the UST or any other federal, state or local law enforcement or regulatory agency.
- 7. The UST objects to approval of the compromise as has been presently noticed to

creditors because the terms and conditions of the promissory note contemplated in the settlement agreement between AMT and the Debtor or, as alternatively contemplated in the Motion between AMT and Arent Fox LLP, have not been fully disclosed to creditors. A copy of the contemplated note should have been attached to the Motion noticed to creditors, or should be made a part of the record by being offered in evidence and attached as an exhibit to the order approving the settlement.

- 6. The UST further objects to approval of the compromise without inclusion of the following provision:
 - 17. Nothing contained in this Order Approving Motion To Compromise Controversy, the Motion to Compromise Controversy, the Comprehensive Mediated Settlement Agreement, any of the releases executed in relation to this compromise, or any future note or document to be executed in furtherance of this compromise shall be read or interpreted to preclude any party hereto or any person with information concerning the issues, actions, or matters raised in the proceedings being settled herein, except specifically with regard to the mediation itself, from discussing such information or responding to formal or informal requests for information from any federal, state or local governmental authority or regulatory agency of any kind, including, but not limited to the Office of the United States Trustee.
- 7. The attorney for the UST contacted the parties to this compromise regarding the provision requested in Paragraph 6 herein. All parties to the compromise, except Arent Fox LLP and Schuyler Carroll, have agreed to the inclusion of the requested

WHEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE PRAYS THAT this Court deny the Debtor's motion to compromise controversy unless any contemplated promissory note is disclosed to creditors or otherwise made a part of the compromise record, and until the requested provision as set forth in paragraph 6 herein is included in the order approving

compromise.

DATED this the 25th day of August, 2009.

CHARLES F. McVAY UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned certifies that she has discussed the matters contained in this objection with both counsel for the Debtor and counsel for Arent Fox LLP and Schuyler Carroll on August 24, 2009, in person or by conference call, and on August 25, 2009, by both telephone and e-mail exchange. The undersigned further certifies that she has previously forwarded the proposed reservation of rights language to all of the parties or counsel for the respective parties to this compromise and has received responses as noted in the objection above.

/s/ Nancy L. Holley
Nancy L. Holley
Trial Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned does hereby certify that a copy of the <u>UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S</u>

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has been served by e-mail transmission upon Debtor by Debtor's counsel, and all of the parties to the proposed compromise directly or by their counsel and by ECF transmission to all parties requesting ECF notice on the 25th day of August, 2009.

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